

A G E N D A

Director's Senior Staff Meeting
Monday, 4 August 1958

Congressional Briefings

Mr. Dulles

1. AEC
2. Foreign Relations
3. House Armed Services
4. House Appropriations
5. Senate Armed Services
6. House Foreign Affairs "Iraq"

History of CIA

Colonel Grogan

Building Schedule

Colonel White

Subject for Discussion

Mr. Dulles

1. Honor Awards Program
2. Language Program
3. Credit Union

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Recommend the DCI, at Senior Staff meeting next Monday, refer to the "INFORM" subscriptions (Ulius Amoss) that are being sent for one year to all members of Congress, Cabinet Members and other Government officials -- and paid for by a wealthy Baltimorean who inherited some of the R. J. Reynolds tobacco money. CIA employees are receiving requests from friends re the Amoss allegations.

The DCI might advise that his policy is:

Don't make any written comment on the Amoss group or its publication. If asked, state its trustees are honorable Americans but CIA as an official Government intelligence Agency could not properly comment on a private organization such as that of Amoss. CIA people avoid any controversy on the charges of the Trustees in private letters that INFORM does a better job than CIA. Where it will be effective inquirers might be told that Ed Folliard in the WASHINGTON POST did a series beginning 15 November 1953 on AMOSS and INFORM.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Senior Staff Meeting of 4 August 1958

1. Mr. Dulles opened the meeting and gave a thorough briefing on the results of the recent Congressional Hearings that he attended. During the last week the Director attended four Congressional Hearings, namely, Military Affairs Committee, the AEC House Committee, Sub-Committee of the House Armed Forces Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee. The Director gave a briefing on the circumstances leading up to the Lebanon landings in which he advised of the meetings that he recently attended in the White House and in the State Department. He said that the Agency played a prominent part in the decision for the troop landings in Lebanon. Mr. Dulles was at the White House when the Congressional group totaling 22 were there for the briefing on the coup in Iraq. He advised that in most of the briefing he stuck to the facts of the situation except when he gave an estimate to the group

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Mr. Dulles told of a briefing he gave the NSC last March which concerned the situation in Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq. The Director felt that [redacted] did not have prior warning of the timing of the coup in Iraq. Mr. Dulles stated that the coup revealed a need for better intelligence coverage and that a paper was being prepared for presentation to the IAC on better military intelligence coverage abroad. The Director said that the recent Congressional Hearings were very favorable and there was no hostile questioning from the Committees.

2. Colonel Stanley Grogan gave a brief rundown on the work done by his staff on the history of the CIA. Colonel Grogan stated that he has two historians and two clerks full-time on this work and that the history is organizational history. Colonel Grogan advised that there are presently two papers completed on this subject, one of which covers the period up to 1950 and included OSS and CIG and the other one covers the period 1950 to 1953. The historical staff is now working on the history of the CIA covering the period from 1953 to 1956. The Director asked that the IG take a look at the work performed to date by Colonel Grogan's group and for he and Colonel Grogan to submit to him recommendations on this matter.

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3. Colonel Lawrence K. White advised the group that on 1 October plans are being made to contract for the excavation and construction of the new building at Langley. He further advised that in mid-December bids will be let for the construction of the building and that before 23 February 1959 a contract will be awarded for the construction of the building. He estimated that the building will be completed two years from this date.



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